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Application Number	10/029,286
Filing Date	December 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	Donna K. Hodges
Art Unit	2178
Examiner Name	Michael K. Botts
Attorney Docket Number	BLS01311

ENCLOSURES

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☐ Amendment/Reply☐ After Final☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)☐ Extension of Time Request☐ Express Abandonment Request☐ Information Disclosure Statement☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)☐ Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application☐ Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53
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☐ Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application
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☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
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Response and Request for
 Reconsideration for May 19,
 2006 Office Action

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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\$1,020.00

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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☐ Deposit Account Deposit Account No. 19-2167

Deposit Account Name:

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

FILING FEES

Application Type	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Utility	300	150	500
Design	200	100	100
Plant	200	100	300
Reissue	300	150	500
Provisional	200	100	0

SEARCH FEES

Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
250	200
50	130
150	160
250	600
0	0

EXAMINATION FEES

Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
100	
65	
80	
300	
0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims

- 20 or HP =

Extra Claims

Fee (\$)

x

Fee Paid (\$)

=

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

50

25

200

100

360

180

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

HP=highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

Indep. Claims

- 3 or HP =

Extra Claims

Fee (\$)

x

Fee Paid (\$)

=

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/ 50

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Fee Paid (\$)

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge):

Three Month Extension of Time Fee

1,020.00

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In re application of: Donna K. Hodges

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/029,286

Examiner: Michael K. Botts

Filed: December 31, 2001

Title: "Method for Providing Platform Independent Business Rules"

VIA FACSMILE 571-273-8300

Attn: Examiner Michael K. Botts

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RESPONSE TO & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
THE MAY 19, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

This Response (also referred to herein as the "Response") is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2006 (also referred to herein as the "Office Action") and requests reconsideration of the Office Action. The Assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims, distinguish over the cited documents and that the above-identified Application is in condition for allowance.

Assignee responds as follows:

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